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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 8-B201  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As a city council member and former deputy mayor of Boulder, Colorado, and a former telecom executive, I am writing to you today to encourage you to adopt policies and technologies that expand the broadband network in America.

While I believe that enhanced broadband brings economic development, particularly to rural areas, I am most concerned with increased emergency responder capabilities.

The Boulder region recently experienced a fire in Four-Mile Canyon, which is not far from downtown, but because of the mountainous terrain, is blocked from efficient and reliable communications. A satellite-based network could solve those problems—not just in Boulder—but in remote areas across the country. This technology could literally save lives.

As a Commission report stated in 2010, “Broadband is a platform for social and economic opportunity.” I know the FCC is considering applications from companies who are proposing to bring seamless broadband satellite-based 4G capacity to every corner America. While some claim that it could have some small impact on the GPS system, I also understand that these issues have been addressed.

I hope the Commission will proceed with the mission to bring a seamless and efficient communications network to all of America.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Wilson", with a stylized, flowing script.

Councilman Ken Wilson  
Boulder, Colorado